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Credentials of representatives to the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly

Report of the Credentials Committee

Chairman: Mr. Jean **de Ruyt** (Belgium)

1. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 10 September 2002, the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 28 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee for its fifty-seventh session consisting of the following Member States: Argentina, Barbados, Belgium, China, Mali, Namibia, Papua New Guinea, the Russian Federation and the United States of America.

2. The Credentials Committee held its meeting on 2 December 2002.

3. Mr. Jean de Ruyt (Belgium) was unanimously elected Chairman.

4. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General, dated 27 November 2002, concerning the credentials of representatives of Member States to the fifty-seventh regular session of the General Assembly. The Legal Counsel made a statement updating the information contained in the memorandum of the Secretary-General.

5 As indicated in paragraph 1 of the memorandum of the Secretary-General as updated by the Legal Counsel, formal credentials in the form required by rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly have been submitted by the following 139 Member States: Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, China, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia,

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Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Samoa, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen and Zimbabwe.

6. As indicated in paragraph 2 of the Secretary-General's memorandum, information concerning the appointment of their representatives to the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly have been communicated to the Secretary-General by means of a facsimile communication from the Head of State or Government or Minister for Foreign Affairs or by means of a letter or note verbale from the Permanent Mission concerned by the following 52 Member States: Afghanistan, Angola, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, El Salvador, Fiji, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guinea-Bissau, Honduras, India, Iraq, Ireland, Kiribati, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Liberia, Malta, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Niger, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Republic of Moldova, Rwanda, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Seychelles, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Swaziland, Tajikistan, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Vanuatu, Yugoslavia and Zambia.

7. The Chairman then proposed the following draft resolution for adoption by the Committee:

> "*The Credentials Committee*,
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> "*Having examined* the credentials of the representatives to the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly of the Member States referred to in paragraphs 5 and 6 of the report of the Credentials Committee,[1]
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> "*Accepts* the credentials of the representatives of the Member States concerned."

[1] A/57/634.

8. The draft resolution proposed by the Chairman was adopted without a vote.

9. The Chairman then proposed that the Committee should recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution (see para. 11 below). The proposal was adopted without a vote.

10. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the General Assembly.

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

11. The Credentials Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

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The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Credentials Committee and the recommendation contained therein,[1]

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.

[1] A/57/634, para. 11.